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Dear Ms. Warren:

reposted on the Department's website for review by the public. Lastly, copies of the proposed NSP amendment were made available, free of charge, for viewing or to be mailed, if requested. submit comments during the fifteen (15) calendar day review period which extended from January 16, 2009 through January 31, 2009. In addition, a final, detailed draft of the NSP was three local newspapers, each with city-wide circulation, and residents were encouraged to Houston several opportunities to participate in the public review process of the proposed 2008 Consolidated Action Plan amendment. A summary of the NSP amendment was republished in Houston Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) provided the citizens of In accordance with the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) requirements, the City of

HCDD did not receive any comments or questions about the NSP

related materials. We look forward to hearing from you regarding the approval of the NSP was previously submitted to the HUD Houston office on December 30, 2008 along with the Please accept this resubmission of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program application, which is a substantial amendment to the 2008 Consolidated Action Plan, as evidence of full compliance of the NSP requirements. Attached you will find a copy of the NSP application that

Sincerely,

Richard S. Celli

## Neighborhood Stabilization Program





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#### INTRODUCTION

Action Plan, which was submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on May 2, 2008, to include the additional allocation of Neighborhood Stabilization Program. \$13,542,193 under Title III of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 – The City of Houston has prepared this Amendment to the 2008 Consolidated

foreclosed properties, properties in the process of foreclosure, and abandoned properties, with the intent to place these properties back into use by lowmoderate-middle income families as quickly as possible. Houston will fund projects that acquire and rehabilitate both lender- and taxforeclosures on remaining homeowners in these neighborhoods. The City of action to address foreclosure issues and the effects of significant numbers of Amendment. The Target Zones represent those areas with the greatest need for to fund projects that will stabilize three targeted neighborhoods as detailed in this foreclosed properties in the nation's communities. The City of Houston Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) proposes to use NSP dollars state and local governments to help address the effects of abandoned and The Neighborhood Stabilization program (NSP) provided a total of \$3.92 billion to

preservation of safe, sanitary, and affordable housing units. improvement of multi-family units; and leveraging federal funds with private homebuyers; providing zero percent performance-based loans to encourage conserving owner-occupied housing; subsidizing qualified candidates to become Amendment. The City of Houston remains committed to its core strategy of HCDD will accomplish this by undertaking the activities described in this revitalize income-eligible areas through the construction

period of January 16, 2009 through January 31, 2009 the 15-day review period (11/4-11/18) and subsequently an additional review November 12, 2008. The public was invited to comment on the application during 2008 and on the HCDD website. Full copies of the NSP were made available at the HCDD office at 601 Sawyer, Houston, Texas and at a public hearing held on A summary of the NSP was published in the Houston Chronicle on November 3

### **AREAS OF GREATEST NEED**

LMI residents are minorities. Affordability has become a housing issue in recent years. Rental rates and purchase prices have increased rapidly, therefore limiting priced, attractive housing in a balanced market for many years. The City of Houston Planning and Development Department estimates that as of January Houstonians (53.3 percent) are low and moderate-income (LMI) and most of the 2008, Houston had a population of 2,229,199 residents. The Houston is the fourth-largest city in the nation, yet was able to offer affordably LMI resident's ability to afford housing. This affordability squeeze, coupled with majority of

sub-prime lending practices and increased tax delinquency among home owners, has destabilized a number of neighborhoods. Specifically, the median value of owner-occupied housing increased from \$79,300 in 2000 to \$119,400 in 2006. was \$575 per month in 2000, increasing to \$729 in 2006. (Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 American Community Survey). similar level of increase in housing costs has also affected median rent, which This increased value raises taxes by approximately 50% for the resident family. A

taken in temporary and permanent residents from neighboring counties and states impacted by the storms. Simultaneously, drastic reduction of credit need or demand for affordable housing is out of balance with the supply. availability to the home building industry has cut available supply of housing. The original homes are under repair has increased demand for housing. Houston has storms, and the number of households seeking alternative housing while their Area affordable housing supply. Numerous dwelling units were affected by the The recent hurricanes (Katrina, Rita, and Ike) have further affected the Houston

activity. The level of risk ranged from ten (10) the highest, to one (1) the lowest. risk ratings to determine census tracts most impacted by increased foreclosure regarding risk of foreclosure and relative levels of subprime lending. HCDD used and zip codes based upon the number of credit and tax foreclosures, numbers of REO (real estate owned) properties by lenders, and data provided by HUD To identify areas with the greatest need for the NSP, HCDD rated census tracts

abandoned buildings the stock of affordable housing while removing the sector partners to address foreclosures, increase homeownership, and expand address these areas of greatest need, NSP funds will be leveraged with private were foreclosed by lenders and municipalities and 758 properties were REO. To present the Target Zones. Within these zones, using data on foreclosure activity by zip code, HCDD calculates that during March 2008, a total of 7,584 properties The results of HCDD's risk assessments were mapped. From this data, contiguous high risk areas were designated as Target Zones, containing the most properties scoring nine (9) or ten (10). The attached maps (1 thru 6) blight of vacant and

## A. DISTRIBUTION AND USES OF FUNDS

majority of households are low and moderate income, the Target Zones were and multi-family foreclosures. Since prime loans, and areas likely to face a significant rise in the rate of single family percentage of foreclosures, the highest percentage of homes financed by subdistributed to the areas of greatest need, including those with the the Housing and Economic Development Recovery Act (HERA). The funds must be The City of Houston proposal meets the requirements of Section 2301 (c) (2) of the City of Houston is so large, and a greatest

greatest need. developed, as described above, to focus efforts on the neighborhoods with the

Based upon the data found in the Target Zones, HCDD fastest response to addressing these needs will be activities or programs to which the \$13,542,193 of NSP funds will be expended as follows: has determined that the implemented ≦ a

- \$1,354,219 for administrative use
- \$3,385,549 to benefit households at or below 50% of AMI
- \$8,802,425 to benefit households at or below 120% of AMI

HCDD anticipates the following deliverable utilizing the above dollar allocations:

- 40 units of for-sale housing for low-income (<50% of AMI) households
- 220 units acquired to be conveyed to qualified third parties to construct affordable housing

Details are provided in Section G of this Application.

### B. Definitions and Descriptions

the property has been vacant for at least 90 days. tax foreclosure proceedings have been initiated for that property, no mortgage or Abandoned Housing – A residential structure is abandoned when mortgage or payments have been made by the property owner for at least 90 days AND

do not exceed thirty percent (30%) of the household's gross monthly income Rent schedules include the cost of utilities in the rent amount. HCDD uses the current HOME rent schedule to ensure that rents are affordable Affordable Rents – The extent to which gross housing costs (rents and utilities)

\$1642	\$1297	\$1042	\$852	\$702	\$631	<120%AMI
\$1189	\$1094	\$999	\$852	\$705	\$631	<80%AMI
\$978	\$886	\$794	\$687	\$573	\$535	<5U% AMI
5-bedroom	4-bedroom	3-bedroom	2-bedroom	1-bedroom	Efficiency Unit 1-bedroom	income Limits
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Development will ensure and enforce the affordability periods through Land Use CFR period not less than the minimum affordability in the HOME regulations at 24 Restrictions and legally binding agreements that will be monitored via existing for NSP programs. The Housing and Economic Recovery Act (HERA) requires a funds must remain affordable to individuals or families who are income-qualified monitoring protocols. Affordability Period - The amount of time that a property assisted with NSP 92.252(a), (c), (e), and (f) and 92.254. Housing and Community

structured as follows: conducted by beneficiary and the appropriate affordability period will (for example, benefit to households. In the case of multiple sources of assistance to a project Current HCDD affordability standards are based upon the dollar amount of both NSP and HOME) a subsidy layering analysis

15 year affordability	Total benefit greater than \$40,000
10 year affordability	l otal benefit \$15,000-40,000
o year anordability	
5 year offordability	Total Renefit less than \$15,000

requires revision of the Plan. Amendment to the Consolidated Plan or beneficiaries 으 a community development-funded project that A change in the budget, scope

safety, health, or public welfare, or is a fire hazard. extensive level of physical decline or decay such that it constitutes a hazard to Blighted Structure -A residential or commercial building that exhibits

development plan which encompasses the use of five (5) federal grants: CDBG ESG, HOME, ADDI and HOPWA. Comprehensive Housing Affordability Consolidated Action Plan - Annual submission to HUD that combines Strategy (CHAS) and community

proceeding or transfer in lieu of foreclosure, in accordance with state or local law. has been transferred from the former homeowner under some type of foreclosure will not consider a foreclosure to be complete until after the title of the property state or local law, the mortgage or tax foreclosure is complete. HUD generally Foreclosed - A property "has been foreclosed upon" at the point that, under

currently utilized by Housing and Community Development are the Housing Housing Rehabilitation Standards -The general inspection standards

standards in Chapter 10, Section 9, of the Code of Ordinances. These standards are included by reference into this definition. Additionally, the City of Houston has properties assisted with Quality Standards (HQS) promulgated by HUD. HQS will be used to assess Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) adopted മ set of minimum funds

**LMMA** – Designation for low–moderate–middle income area

**LMMC** – Designation for low-moderate-middle- income limited clientele

**LMMH** – Designation for low-moderate-middle-income households

**LMMJ** – Designation for low-moderate-middle income jobs

eligible for assistance under the NSP grant. exceed (80%) but are below (120%) of area median income. Income Category of individuals and households whose incomes This category is

Neighborhood redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed Economic Recovery Act of 2008. Stabilization Program ı homes under the Housing Established ರ assist 3

### C. LOW INCOME TARGETING

incomes do not exceed 50% of AMI. As indicated in Section B, above, a total of abandoned or foreclosed properties for housing individuals and families whose \$3,385,549 will be allocated to assist these households. The NSP requires that 25% of funds must be used to purchase and redevelop

## D. ACQUISITIONS AND RELOCATION

NSP as a cost of program activity. any funds needed to relocate families under the URA will be funded under the properties and therefore minimizing the need for relocation. It is anticipated that HCDD plans to acquire, or to assist non-profit groups to acquire, properties in the Target Zones. Project activities will focus on acquiring abandoned or vacant

is anticipated that any multi-family properties acquired will be so blighted as to The acquisition of multi-family properties will be limited to those that are vacant. It

ultimate use as single family for-sale housing. require demolition. HCDD plans to redevelop these multi-family properties

### E. PUBLIC COMMENT

day review period. In addition, the NSP summary was placed on HCDD's website. Draft copies of the NSP Amendment/Application were distributed at the November 12<sup>th</sup> public hearing on the 2009 Consolidated Action Plan. Copies on 11/3/08 and residents were encouraged to submit comments during the fifteen were also available at HCDD offices at 601 Sawyer. summary of the Amendment was published in the Houston Chronicle newspaper Consolidated Action Plan in Houston's daily and community newspapers. A 10/24/2008, HCDD used several mediums HCDD announced the intent to in publicizing the NSP and application. substantially amend the 2008

Development Department stressed that the process would be open and through issuance of a Request for Proposals. Housing and Community detailed in the plan/application, the services of such non-profits would be secured contracting with appropriate non-profits for delivery of services through NSP. As BPSOS's comments were related to the Housing Department's goal or translating the information and outlining the process for accessing services information about the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, particularly BPSOS wanted to have an opportunity to assist the Vietnamese community with People SOS (BPSOS) and from the Local Support Initiative Corporation (LISC). HCDD did not receive any comments/questions about NSP at the public hearing However, following the hearing, comments/questions were received from Boat

letter and HCDD response follow in Appendix A. LISC submitted the agency's comments in a letter dated November 18th. The

available, free of charge. publications indicated that copies of the proposed NSP amendment were made 2009. In addition, a final draft, with related maps, was reposted on Department's website for review by the public. Lastly, the newspa wide circulation, and residents were encouraged to submit comments during the 15 day review period which extended from January 16, 2009 through January 31, summary of the NSP was republished in three local newspapers, each with cityprocess of the citizens of Houston several opportunities to participate in the public review In accordance with the NSP requirements, the City of Houston provided the proposed 2008 Consolidated Action Plan amendment. A copy of the posting is attached in Appendix B newspaper

period dated January 16, 2009 through January 31, 2009 HCDD did not receive any comments or questions during the public review

## F. NSP PROGRAM BY ACTIVITY

18 months from approval for acquisition; 36 months for repair and resale	End Date
Upon HUD approval	Start Date
40 properties acquired; 40 units produced; all at or below 50% of AMI	Performance Measures
5,10, or 15 years depending on subsidy analysis	Affordability Period
24CFR Part 570	Citation
Expanding the stock of safe, sanitary, affordable housing	Consolidated Plan Objective
LMMH	National Objective
Housing	Objective
Target Zones 1,2,3	Location
\$3,385,549	Project Budget
B, D, and E	NSP Eligible Use
Foreclosed Housing Acquisition, Repair and Resale	Activity Name

### **Activity Description:**

Housing Rehabilitation Standards compliance. properties to qualified low-income buyers, or convey these properties to qualified removal. HCDD will, through an RFQ/RFP process, either repair and resell these value. Properties will be secured/demolished as needed for safety and blight HCDD will acquire foreclosed properties at a maximum of 85% of appraised value with an overall NSP portfolio average no greater than 85% of appraised non-profit developers to perform all needed repairs to bring properties into

These properties will be sold to income-qualified households earning less than 50% of AMI. Households earning less than 50% AMI will be affirmatively sought profit developer to engage in further low-moderate income housing programs, or for participation in this program. Any profit from sale must be retained by a nonreturned to HCDD, in accordance with established resale/recapture provisions.

purchasing one of these homes. Homebuyers will be required to take an 8 hour training course to qualify for

down payment assistance program. second mortgage normally placed by HCDD on homes serviced via the HAP subsidies will be considered to assure buyers are committed to mortgages they can sustain. Home buyers may qualify for down payment assistance under HCDD's existing HAP program. Affordability periods will reflect total subsidy in place per homeowner to be determined through a subsidy layering analysis. Use of sub-prime loans will be disallowed. In lieu of such loans, Long term affordability will be ensured via the affordability covenants and/or additiona

within the City of Houston. This program will be available to all households earning less than 50% of AMI

of \$85,000 per property. A total of 40 beneficiary households are anticipated. Of these, the program will exclusively serve families below 50%. It is anticipated that properties will be acquired and repaired at an average cost

# G. NSP PROGRAM BY ACTIVITY (continued)

### **Activity Description:**

value. Properties will be secured/demolished as needed for safety and blight value with an overall NSP portfolio average no greater than 85% of appraised HCDD will acquire foreclosed properties at a maximum of 85% of appraised

sale housing units affordable to LMMH. These properties will be conveyed to qualified third parties to construct new for-

subsidies will be considered to assure buyers are committed to mortgages they can sustain. Home buyers may qualify for down payment assistance under HCDD's existing HAP program. Affordability periods will reflect total subsidy in Long term affordability will be ensured via the affordability covenants and/or place per homeowner to be determined through a subsidy layering analysis. Use of sub-prime loans will be disallowed. In lieu of such loans, additional

down payment assistance program. second mortgage normally placed by HCDD on homes serviced via the HAP

course to qualify for purchasing one of these homes within the City of Houston. Homebuyers will be required to take an 8 hour training This program will be available to all households earning less than 120% of AMI

environmental studies, surveys, and similar. Properties will be conveyed quickly to third parties to develop. HCDD's intent is not to land bank but to place these unused properties into the housing pool as rapidly as possible. and investing no more than an additional \$20,000 per unit on average into the properties (\$40,000 per unit total) for such items as securing property, HCDD anticipates acquiring properties at an average of \$20,000 per property

HCDD anticipates acquiring properties with a total of 220 units. HCDD also anticipates creating 220 units of housing. All units will be available to households earning less than 120% of AMI.

# G. NSP PROGRAM BY ACTIVITY (continued)

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### **Activity Description:**

Ten percent of the award amount is allowed for program administration. This activity will allow for the planning, performance, and monitoring of activities undertaken under the NSP.

# **NSP Substantial Amendment Checklist**

checklist along with the NSP Substantial Amendment and SF-424 For the purposes of expediting review, HUD asks that applicants submit the following

# Contents of an NSP Action Plan Substantial Amendment

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Program are: The elements in the substantial amendment required for the Neighborhood Stabilization

### A. AREAS OF GREATEST NEED

greatest need in the grantee's jurisdiction?

Yes No No Verification Does the submission include summary needs data identifying the geographic areas of

Verification found on pages 1 and 2

## B. DISTRIBUTION AND USES OF FUNDS

significant rise in the rate of home foreclosures?

Yes No Verification found subprime mortgage related loan, and identified by the grantee as likely to face a Does the submission contain a narrative describing how the distribution and uses of the grantee's NSP funds will meet the requirements of Section 2301(c)(2) of HERA that percentage of home foreclosures, with the highest percentage of homes financed by a funds be distributed to the areas of greatest need, including those with the greatest

Verification found on pages 2 and 3.

NSP statute, but the grantee may also consider other need categories. Note: The grantee's narrative must address the three stipulated need categories in the

### C. DEFINITIONS AND DESCRIPTIONS

For the purposes of the NSP, do the narratives include:

- a definition of "blighted structure" in the context of state or local law, Yes No. Verification found on page 4.
- a definition of "affordable rents," Yes No. Verification Verification found on page 3.
- assisted housing, a description of how the grantee will ensure continued affordability for NSP No. Verification found on page 4.

• a description of housing rehabilitation standards that will apply to NSP assisted activities?
D. LOW INCOME TARGETING
• Has the grantee described how it will meet the statutory requirement that at least 25% of funds must be used to purchase and redevelop abandoned or foreclosed upon homes or residential properties for housing individuals and families whose incomes do not exceed 50% of area median income?  Yes  No No. Verification found on pages 3 and 5.
• Has the grantee identified how the estimated amount of funds appropriated or otherwise made available will be used to purchase and redevelop abandoned or foreclosed upon homes or residential properties for housing individuals or families whose incomes do not exceed 50% of area median income?  Yes No. Verification found on pages 5 and 7.  Amount budgeted = \$3,385,549
E. ACQUISITIONS & RELOCATION  Does grantee plan to demolish or convert any low- and moderate-income dwelling units?  Yes \( \sim \) No \( \subseteq \). (If no, continue to next heading)  Verification found on <b>pages 5 and 6.</b>
<ul> <li>If so, does the substantial amendment include:</li> <li>The number of low- and moderate-income dwelling units—i.e., ≤ 80% of area median income—reasonably expected to be demolished or converted as a direct result of NSP-assisted activities?</li> <li>Yes No No No Verification found on page</li> </ul>
• The number of NSP affordable housing units made available to low-, moderate-, and middle-income households—i.e., ≤ 120% of area median income—reasonably expected to be produced by activity and income level as provided for in DRGR, by each NSP activity providing such housing (including a proposed time schedule for commencement and completion)? Yes ✓ No ✓. Verification found on page 10.
• The number of dwelling units reasonably expected to be made available for households whose income does not exceed 50 percent of area median income? Yes No. Verification found on page 8.
F. Public Comment Period  Was the proposed action plan amendment published via the grantee jurisdiction's usual methods and on the Internet for no less than 15 calendar days of public comment?  Yes No. Verification found on page 6.

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• If the activity provides financing, the range of interest rates (if any), Yes No	• If the activity includes acquisition of real property, the discount required for acquisition of foreclosed upon properties,  Yes No. Verification found on page 7.	• expected start and end dates of the activity? Yes No. Verification found on pages 7 and	• the name, location and contact information for the entity that will carry out the activity, Yes No. No. Verification found on page	• amount of funds budgeted for the activity, Yes No No. Verification found on pages 7 and 10 No.	• appropriate performance measures for the activity, Yes No. Verification found on <b>pages 7 and 9</b> .	Yes☑ No□. Verification found on page 7.	<ul> <li>does the applicant indicate which activities will count toward the statutory requirement that at least 25% of funds must be used to purchase and redevelop abandoned or foreclosed upon homes or residential properties for housing individuals and families whose incomes do not exceed 50% of area median income?</li> </ul>	• expected benefit to income-qualified persons or households or areas, Yes No. Verification found on <b>pages 7 and 9.</b>	• the areas of greatest need addressed by the activity or activities, Yes No. Verification found on <b>page 7</b> .	• correlated eligible activity under CDBG, Yes No. Verification found on page 7.	<ul> <li>eligible use of funds under NSP,</li> <li>Yes No No.</li> <li>Verification found on pages 7-11.</li> </ul>	G. Information By ACTIVITY  Does the submission contain information by activity describing how the grantee will use the funds, identifying:	Is there a summary of citizen comments included in the final amendment?  Yes No Verification found on page 6.
rates (if any), —-	e discount required for	and 9.	ity that will carry out the activity,	and 9.	and 9.		t toward the statutory o purchase and redevelop roperties for housing d 50% of area median	eholds or areas, and 9.	activities,		-11.	ing how the grantee will use the	l amendment?

Compliance with lead-based paint procedures  Compliance with laws	18 months ≤ 120 of AMI capital costs thru special assessments	<ul><li>(6) Section 3</li><li>(7) Citizen Participation</li><li>(8) Following Plan</li></ul>	Authority of Jurisdiction Consistency with Plan Acquisition and relocation	Affirmatively furthering fair housing Anti-lobbying	H. CERTIFICATIONS  The following certifications are complete and accurate:	• does it ensure continued affordability? Yes No No. Verification found on page 4.	• tenure of beneficiaries (e.g., rental or homeownership), Yes No. Verification found on page 7.	Yes No. Verification found on page 9.	<ul> <li>If the activity provides housing, duration or term of assistance,</li> </ul>
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### Certifications

Submitted to HUD on November 25, 2008 Original Documents and Signatures were

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- choice within the jurisdiction, take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis, and maintain records reflecting the analysis and actions in this regard. housing, which means that it will conduct an analysis to identify impediments to fair housing Affirmatively furthering fair housing. The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair
- CFR part 87, together with disclosure forms, if required by that part. Anti-lobbying. The jurisdiction will comply with restrictions on lobbying required by 24
- and other program requirements. the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations Authority of Jurisdiction. The jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out
- set forth in the grantee's substantial amendment. congressionally identified needs of abandoned and foreclosed homes in the targeted area consistent with its consolidated plan, which means that NSP funds will be used to meet the Consistency with Plan. The housing activities to be undertaken with NSP funds are
- Policies Act of 1970, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4601), and implementing regulations at 49 relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition published by HUD. CFR part 24, except as those provisions are modified by the Notice for the NSP program Acquisition and relocation. The jurisdiction will comply with the acquisition and
- Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u), and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part Section 3. The jurisdiction will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban
- 91.115, as modified by NSP requirements. citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of Sections 24 CFR Citizen Participation. The jurisdiction is in full compliance and following a detailed
- Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy) that has been approved by HUD. Following Plan. The jurisdiction is following a current consolidated plan (or
- Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 by using, as defined in the NSP Notice, all of grant funds within 18 months of receipt of the grant. Use of funds in 18 months. The jurisdiction will comply with Title III of Division B of the
- of the NSP funds made available to it will be used with respect to individuals and families (10) Use NSP funds < 120 of AMI. The jurisdiction will comply with the requirement that all whose incomes do not exceed 120 percent of area median income.

- assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low- and improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by proportion of a fee or assessment attributable to the capital costs of public improvements obtaining access to such public improvements. However, if NSP funds are used to pay the moderate-income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of occupied by moderate-income (but not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may by a source other than CDBG funds. In addition, with respect to properties owned and charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed other than NSP funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks NSP or CDBG funds to cover be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source (assisted in part with NSP funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or (11) Assessments. The jurisdiction will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public the assessment.
- demonstrations within its jurisdiction. to or exit from, a facility or location that is the subject of such non-violent civil rights (2) a policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its (12) Excessive Force. The jurisdiction certifies that it has adopted and is enforcing: (1) a
- administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d), the (13) Compliance with anti-discrimination laws. The NSP grant will be conducted and Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619), and implementing regulations.
- (14) Compliance with lead-based paint procedures. The activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of part 35, subparts A, B, J, K, and R of this title
- (15) Compliance with laws. The jurisdiction will comply with applicable laws

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Appendix A



November 18, 2008

Mr. Richard Celli
Director
Housing & Community Development Department
City of Houston
P.O. Box 1562
Houston, Texas 77251

Delivered Electronically

Dear Mr. Celli:

Houston LISC appreciates the opportunity to contribute the following recommendations for consideration regarding the City's Neighborhood Stabilization Program Draft Plan, currently open for public comment.

homes and residential properties under this section remain affordable..." encourages Grantees to "ensure, to the maximum extent practicable and for the longest time funding opportunity, HERA, clearly anticipated "continued affordability" and One of our most pressing concerns is that the NSP Plan would include only the minimum Affordability Period required by HUD, i.e., 5 years. The legislation creating this onefeasible term, that the sale, rental or redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed-upon

value of Community Land Trusts, as evidenced by the Notice issued on December 20, properties purchased with NSP funds. For the past fifteen years, HUD has recognized the 1993, CPD-93-42, stating that We encourage you to consider various ways to increase the affordability period for the

make it available to individual families, cooperatives and others through long ensuring permanent affordability of resident ownership simply because the trust maintains ownership of the land. The objective of a CLT is to acquire land and they may own the buildings or housing units/structures on the land." term leases up to 99 years. While the leaseholders do not hold title to the land "Community Land Trusts are, perhaps, one of the most effective means of

Austin has created a successful model that is consistent with Texas law and market Land Trusts in Houston. LISC is available as a resource for this effort. The City of Program design, and to work with local non-profits to create one or more Community We encourage the City of Houston to specifically include Community Land Trusts in the

alternative to homeownership. This will also ensure the timely use of the NSP funding, ownership of rental properties for individuals and families below 50% AMI, as an recommend that Acquisition/Rehabilitation activity include and encourage non-profit Secondly, acknowledging that we are experiencing an historic tightening of credit, particularly home mortgage lending for buyers with incomes below 50% of AMI, we regardless of market conditions.

The Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) is a national nonprofit community development support organization with a local presence. LISC is dedicated to helping sustainable communities of choice and opportunity — good places to work, do business community organizations transform distressed neighborhoods into healthy and and raise children.

to working with you in the implementation of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. challenging time. We appreciate your consideration of our comments. We look forward Thank you for your efforts to create a plan to assist Houston neighborhoods during this

Sincerely,

Amanda Timm Executive Director



## CITY OF HOUSTON-

Bill White

Housing & Community Development Department

Mayor

Richard S. Celli Director 601 Sawyer Street Houston, Texas 77007

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December 22, 2008

Amanda Timm
Executive Director
Local Initiatives Support Corporation
2640 Fountainview Drive, Suite 220
Houston, Texas 77057

Dear Ms. Timm:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) for the City of Houston. The Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) is diligently working to implement plans that will assist Houston neighborhoods with the greatest needs. The NSP funds will allow HCDD to address foreclosure issues and remain committed to providing affordable housing for low to moderate income residents.

I appreciate your comments and look forward to working with you in the future

Regards

Richard Celli

Appendix B

THE CITY & STATE Friday, October 24, 2008

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Houston Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) has initiated work on the 2009 Consolidated Action Plan. HCDD has scheduled the first of two (2) public hearings on the Plan for Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the former Council Chambers at City Hall Annex (900 Bagby, Public Level). The purpose of this hearing is to solicit the public's involvement in the planning process. During the public hearing, HCDD will also discuss its proposal to substantially amend the current 2008 Consolidated Action Plan to include the new Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). The NSP was created by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to reduce the adverse impact of abandoned and foreclosed properties in areas of greatest need. A summary of the NSP Amendment will be published prior to the November 12th public hearing.

Contact HCDD if special arrangements are needed. For more information on the Public Hearing, contact Paulette Wagner at <u>paulette</u>, <u>wagner@cityofhouston.net</u> or 713-868-8441 or Christine Cuddeback at <u>christine.cuddeback@cityofhouston.net</u> or 713-868-8448.

This Notice also revises the proposed amount published on April 25, 2008 for Houston Leased Housing Associates I, LP. The City, through HCDD, is proposing to award HOME funds in the amount of \$1,100,000.00 to finance the rehabilitation of 150 affordable rental housing units in District D for low to moderate income citizens.

The public has thirty (30) days to comment on this proposed revision of funding. The thirty day period extends from Friday, October 24, 2008 through Monday, November 24, 2008. Following the public comment period, projects awarded amounts in excess of \$50,000.00 must be presented to City Council for approval. The contact number for HCDD is 713-868-8300.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM (NSP)** SUMMARY

NSP funds with private sector and local dollars to reduce foreclosures, increase homeownership, and expand the stock of affordable housing while removing the presence of vacant and abandoned buildings. These improvement strategies will then be replicated in adjacent communities around each of the high risk areas. HCDD is proposing to distribute NSP funds among the following proposed distribution of federal funds and strategies to combat the impact of foreclosures. Based on the number of residential foreclosures, housing characteristics and census data, sections of Houston were rated as to possible risk for increased foreclosures and abandonments. HCDD will concentrate NSP dollars in the highest risk areas in order to first contain and then reduce foreclosure and abandonment problems in communities bearing the brunt of this problem. The goal is to leverage NSP was established, by the federal government, to help finance redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed homes in economically distressed areas of the city. Through NSP, the City of Houston is scheduled to receive \$13,542,193 to finance improvement strategies in areas adversely impacted by residential foreclosures. Houston's NSP identifies areas of greatest need, households to be targeted, program categories:

TOTAL	Acquisition/Blight Removal Acquisition/Rehabilitation Administration
\$13,542,193	\$8,802,425 3,385,549 1,354,219

Application for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program represents a "substantial" amendment to the 2008 Consolidated Action Plan. A draft copy of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program will be available, free of charge, from the Housing and Community Development Department on Friday, November 7, 2008. The Plan will also be placed on HCDDs website at www.houstonhousing.org and will be available at the November 12<sup>th</sup> public hearing on the 2009 Consolidated Action Plan. The public is invited to comment on the NSP during the 15-day review period which extends from Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. The NSP will be submitted to City Council for approval. For more information, contact Paulette Wagner (713-868-8441) or Christine Cuddeback (713-868-8448).

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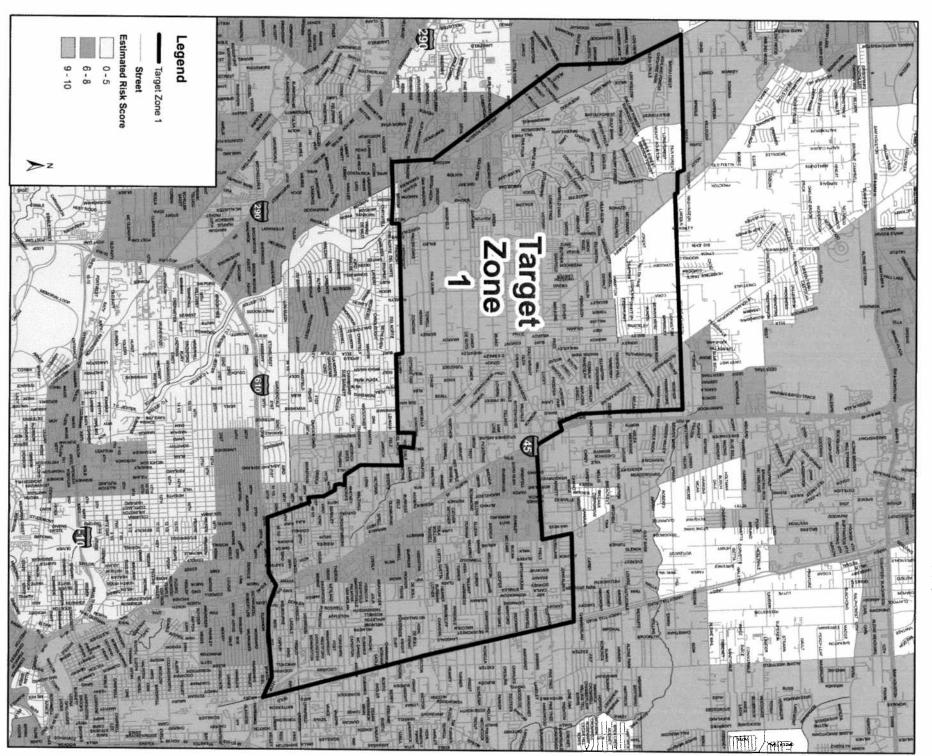
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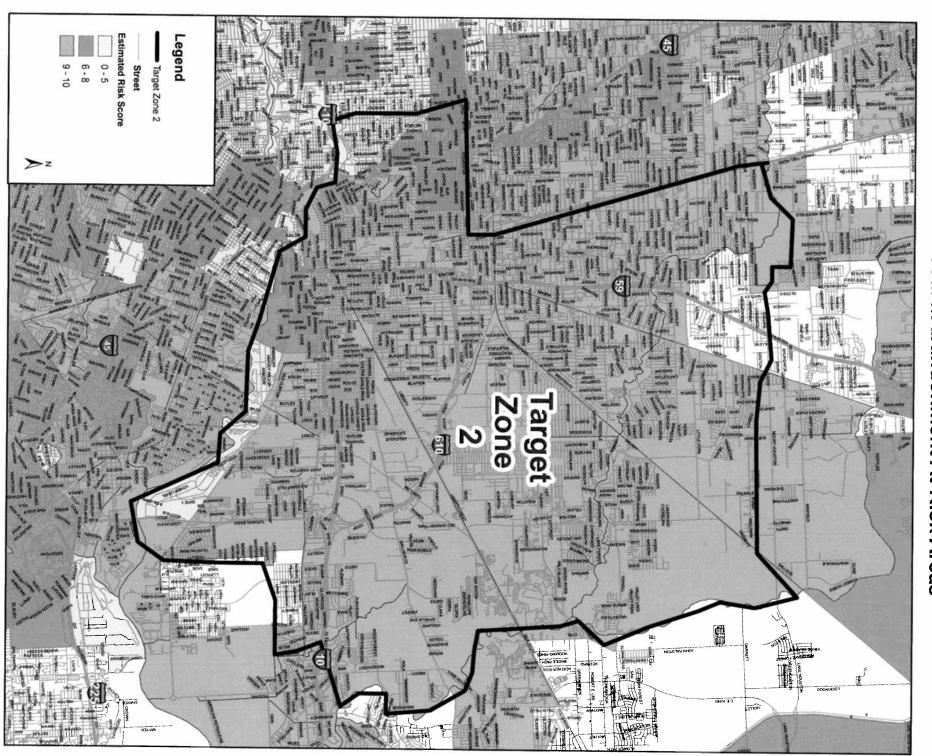
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### Appendix C

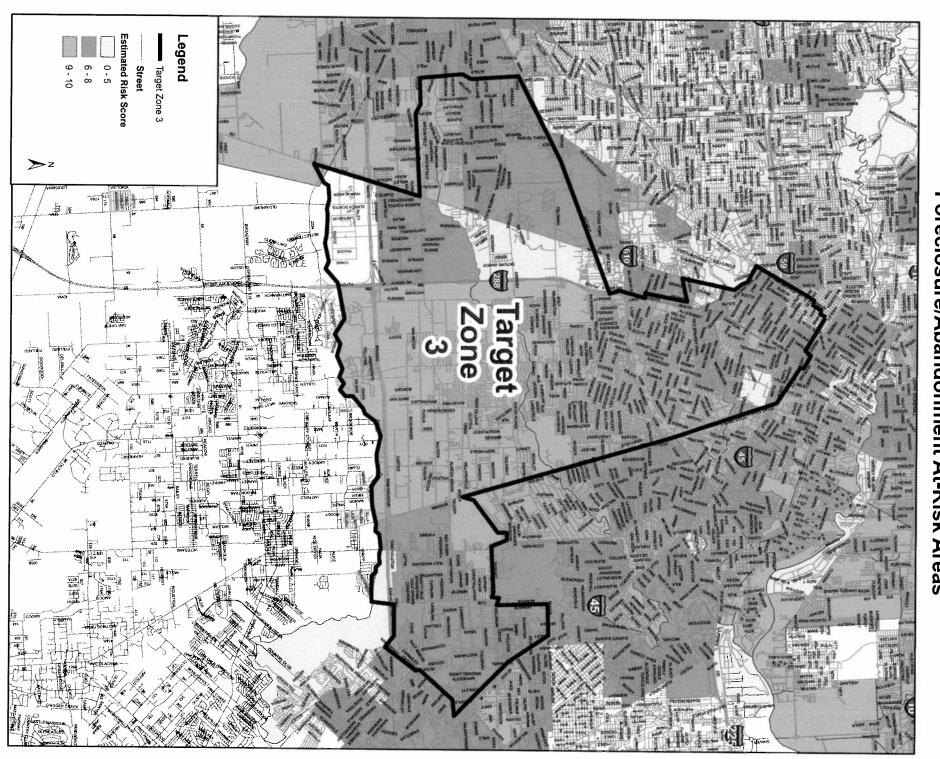
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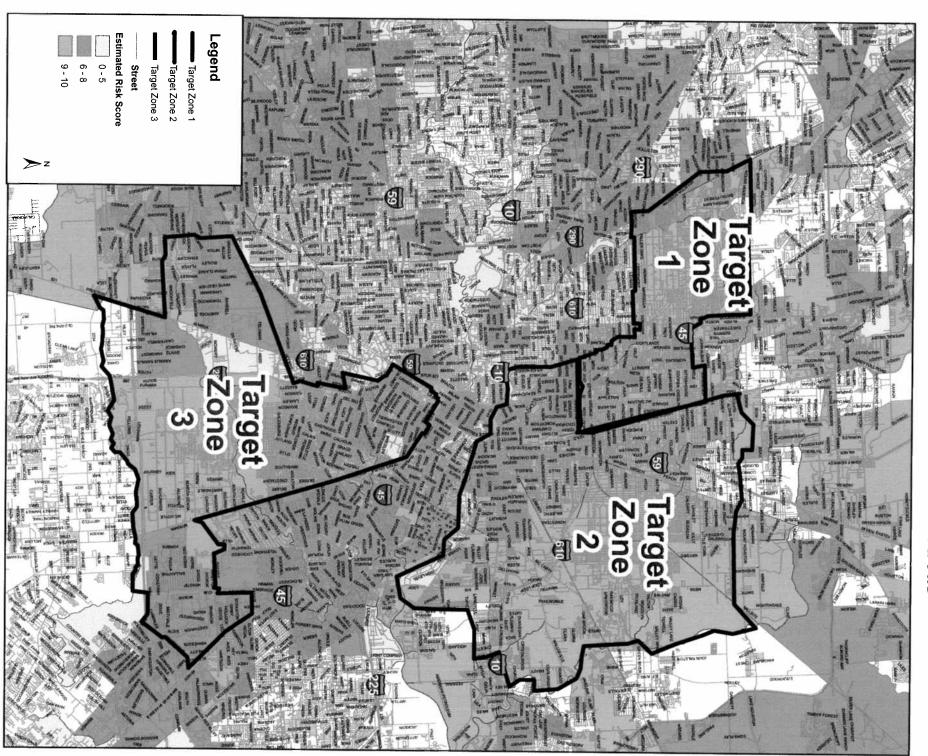
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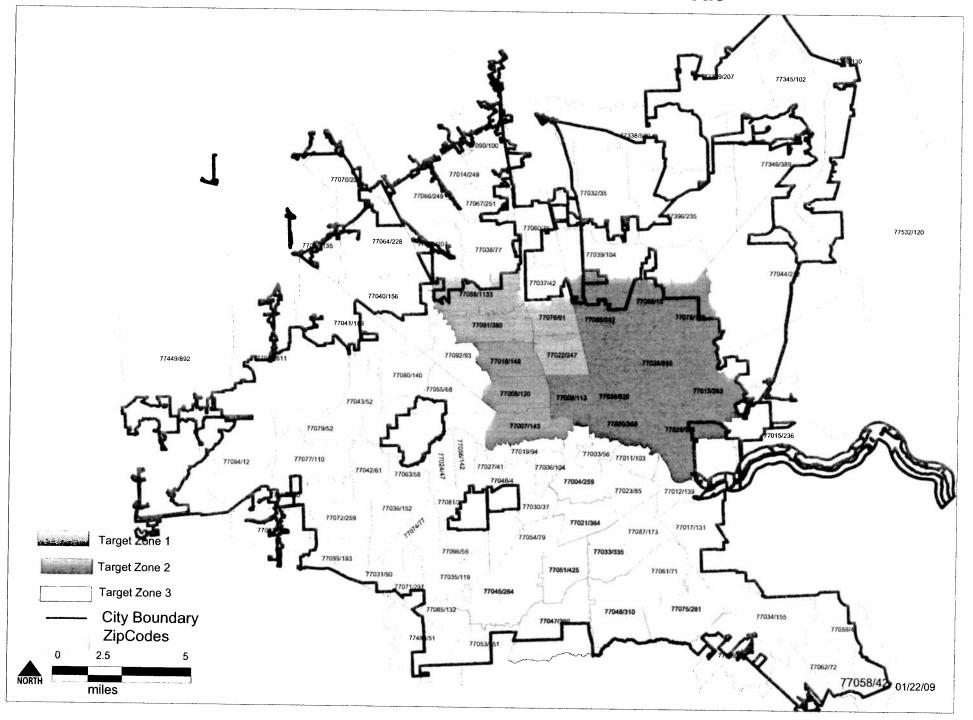
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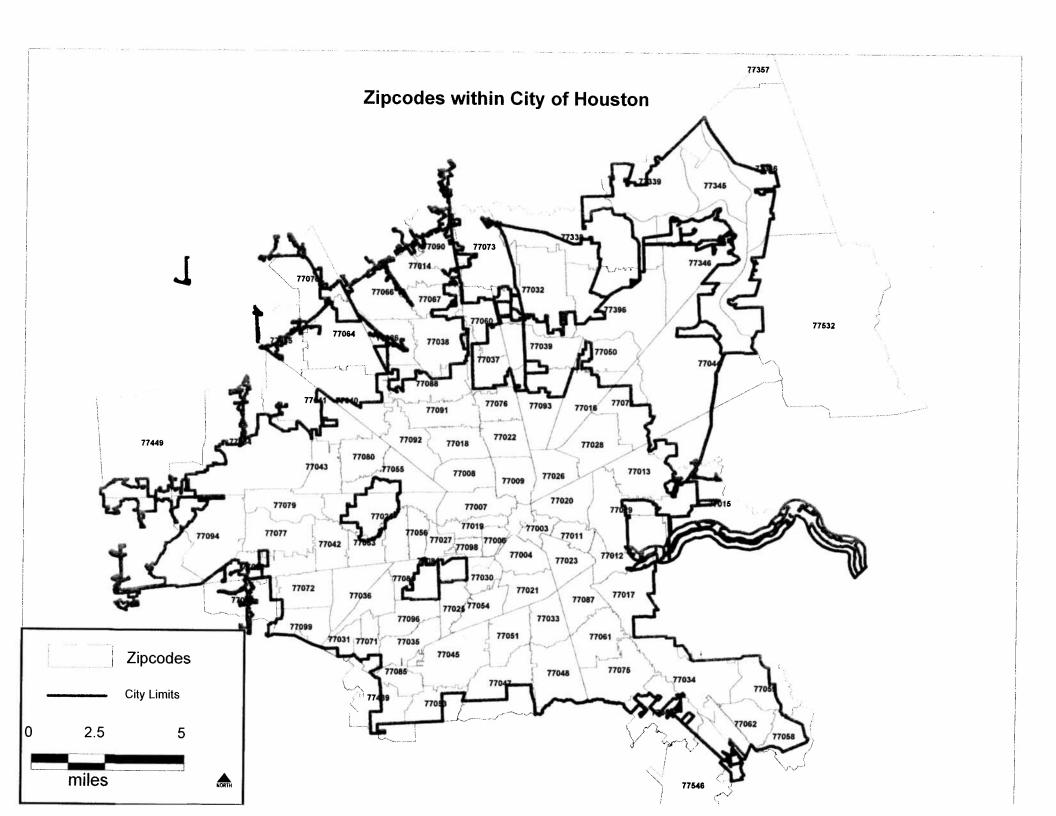


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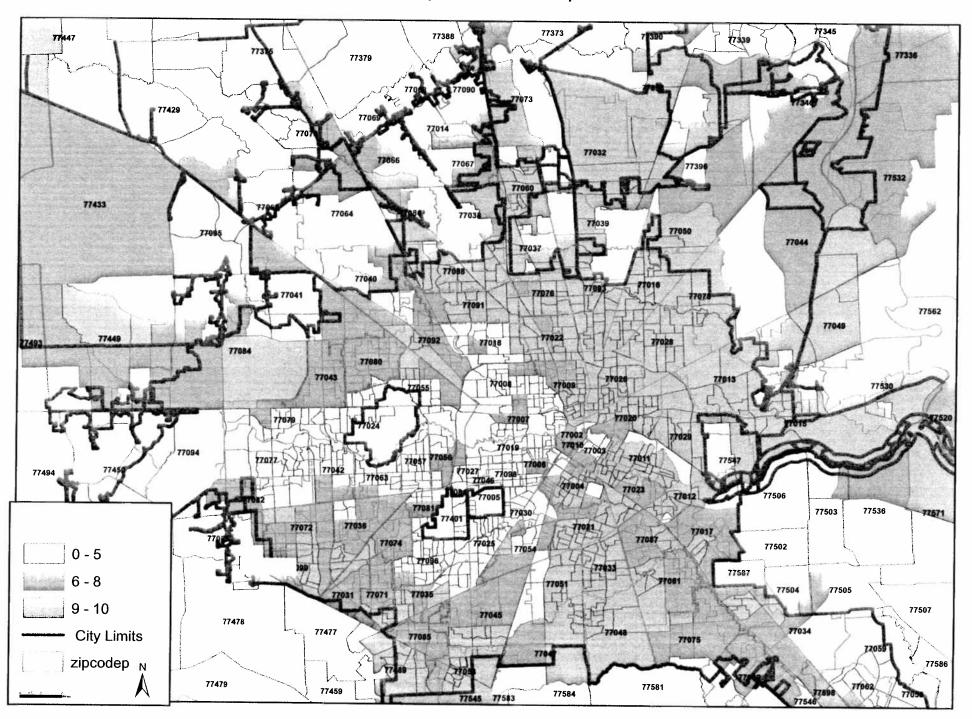


#### Foreclosure/Abondonment At-Risk Areas





Risk Score Rating (Source: HUD Data)



ZipCode	County	State	Loans March 08	Sub Prime Loans March 08	Foreclosure March 08	REO March 08	Foreclosure + REO	Tax Foreclosure COH	Lending Foreclosure + REO + Tax Foreclosure	Zone
77088	Harris	Texas	6853	2051	270	103	373	760	1133	
77449	Harris	Texas	23141	4981	601	291	892		892	
77028	Harris	Texas	756	365	51	20	71	784	855	
77026	Harris	Texas	678	321	49	19	68	557	625	
77084	Harris	Texas	19968	3183	441	168	609	2	611	
77338	Harris	Texas	6525	1587	202	90	292	228	520	
77016	Harris	Texas	1511	738	82	21	103	382	485	MANUSCON IN
77051	Harris	Texas	696	341	66	25	91	334	425	
77346	Harris	Texas	15943	1917	268	115	383	6	389	
77091	Harris	Texas	1386	404	59	17	76	304	380	
77020	Harris	Texas	1146	345	42	10	52	313	365	
77021	Harris	Texas	1816	572	68	44	112	252	364	
77047	Harris	Texas	3639	1220	147	67	214	146	360	
77095	Harris	Texas	18017	1879	246	102	348	11	359	
77083	Harris	Texas	8514	1814	239	100	339	1	340	
77033	Harris	Texas	1595	767	87	35	122	213	335	3
77029	Harris	Texas	1147	359	40	12	52	273	325	200
77048	Harris	Texas	1646	690	68	27	95	215	310	
77071	Harris	Texas	4339	937	135	58	193	104	297	
77093	Harris	Texas	1896	612	53	16	69	223	292	200000000000000000000000000000000000000
77075	Harris	Texas	5226	1341	146	61	207	74	281	14 (1 (A) 1
77045	Harris	Texas	3674	1224	113	48	161	103	264	3
77004	Harris	Texas	2922	451	72	65	137	122	259	3
77072	Harris	Texas	7627	1571	158	76	234	25	259	
77089	Harris	Texas	9118	1627	212	32	244	13	257	
77013	Harris	Texas	1098	312	26	5	31	222	253	,
77067	Harris	Texas	3928	1208	176	74	250	1	251	
77014	Harris	Texas	4557	1152	158	91	249	o	249	
77066	Harris	Texas	6242	1318	181	68	249		249	
77022	Harris	Texas	1470	511	28	9	37	210	247	
77015	Harris	Texas	5720	1392	149	65	214	22	236	
77396	Harris	Texas	6820	1381	155	68	223	12	235	
77082	Harris	Texas	7713	1200	142	71	213	17	230	
77064	Harris	Texas	9209	1314	171	56	227	1	228	
77070	Harris	Texas	9490	1040	159	67	226		226	

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77044	Harris	Texas	5447	1150	151	59	210	2	212	
77086	Harris	Texas	4101	1069	157	49	206	1	207	
77339	Harris	Texas	7096	652	98	24	122	85	207	
77099	Harris	Texas	5144	1201	128	65	193		193	
77087	Harris	Texas	2668	686	88	18	106	67	173	
77078	Harris	Texas	1096	453	48	22	70	98	168	
77041	Harris	Texas	7804	841	85	48	133	26	159	
77040	Harris	Texas	7424	973	111	43	154	2	156	
77034	Harris	Texas	3761	917	86	41	127	28	<b>1</b> 55	
77036	Harris	Texas	3562	421	74	33	107	45	152	
77049	Harris	Texas	4468	1089	116	35	151	1	152	
77053	Harris	Texas	1725	632	70	31	101	50	151	
77018	Harris	Texas	4782	377	44	8	52	97	149	23 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10
77057	Harris	Texas	6158	350	45	19	64	83	147	
77007	Harris	Texas	7172	386	56	52	108	35	143	
77056	Harris	Texas	3761	249	35	64	99	43	142	
77080	Harris	Texas	3622	578	68	14	82	58	140	
77012	Harris	Texas	785	233	13	4	17	122	139	
77536	Harris	Texas	6262	811	99	40	139		139	
77065	Harris	Texas	6193	785	101	34	135		135	***************************************
77085	Harris	Texas	2884	691	65	24	89	43	132	
77017	Harris	Texas	2759	675	62	22	84	47	131	
77336	Harris	Texas	2374	345	48	19	67	63	130	
77008	Harris	Texas	6403	354	71	34	105	15	120	Section 1
77502	Harris	Texas	3668	917	80	40	120		120	
77532	Harris	Texas	4664	659	77	34	111	9	120	
77035	Harris	Texas	4356	560	72	29	101	18	119	
77009	Harris	Texas	4501	489	46	26	72	41	113	versión de la company
77077	Harris	Texas	8221	502	58	31	89	21	110	
77006	Harris	Texas	4384	262	40	43	83	21	104	
77039	Harris	Texas	2240	643	75	29	104	0	104	
77011	Harris	Texas	607	182	12	8	20	83	103	
77345	Harris	Texas	7457	282	53	14	67	35	102	
77090	Harris	Texas	2652	551	66	34	100		100	
77019	Harris	Texas	4677	195	34	54	88	6	94	

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77503	Harris	Texas	2734	607	69	25	94		94	
77092	Harris	Texas	3309	500	50	14	64	29	93	
77076	Harris	Texas	2097	567	51	12	63	28	91	
77031	Harris	Texas	2007	374	45	20	65	25	90	
77023	Harris	Texas	2026	417	43	9	52	33	85	
77025	Harris	Texas	4193	175	13	5	18	63	81	
77054	Harris	Texas	2584	168	26	16	42	37	79	
77038	Harris	Texas	2800	760	52	25	77	0	77	
77074	Harris	Texas	3279	567	43	22	65	12	77	
77060	Harris	Texas	1903	536	52	23	75	0	75	
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77506	Harris	Texas	2114	569	52	21	73		73	
77062	Harris	Texas	6282	417	53	15	68	4	72	
77061	Harris	Texas	1755	421	37	16	53	18	71	
77069	Harris	Texas	3607	238	52	19	71		71	
77068	Harris	Texas	2081	309	44	25	69		69	
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77042	Harris	Texas	3952	298	35	23	58	3	61	
77096	Harris	Texas	4692	253	25	14	39	20	59	
77063	Harris	Texas	3855	365	26	24	50	8	58	
77003	Harris	Texas	904	92	19	15	34	22	56	
77043	Harris	Texas	3249	381	28	11	. 39	13	52	
77079	Harris	Texas	6030	280	37	14	51	1	52	
77489	Harris	Texas	273	95	11	5	16	35	51	
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77037	Harris	Texas	1467	428	28	10	38	4	42	
77058	Harris	Texas	2772	164	26	15	41	1	42	
77504	Harris	Texas	2417	325	26	15	41	1	42	
77027	Harris	Texas	2598	119	21	10	31	10	41	
77059	Harris	Texas	4813	117	21	2	23	18	41	
77547	Harris	Texas	782	258	30	9	39	1	40	
77030	Harris	Texas	1997	72	20	12	32	5	37	
77032	Harris	Texas	785	220	20	14	34	1	35	
77081	Harris	Texas	810	49	2	0	2	23	25	
77098	Harris	Texas	2072	74	8	2	10	12	22	

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77401	Harris	Texas	4445	119	16	6	22		22	
77050	Harris	Texas	263	117	12	4	16		16	
77094	Harris	Texas	2538	49	7	4	11	1	12	
77046	Harris	Texas	199	9	0	4	4		4	
77010	Harris	Texas	35	4	2	0	2	0	2	
77081	Harris	Texas	810		2	0	2		2	
77357	Harris	Texas	43	7	1	0	1		1	
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